



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses  
Commission**

*J. Colin Heffernan, Chairman  
Chuck Savage, Vice Chairman  
Laura Parker Gray  
Peter DeLisa (Conservation)  
Mark Caldarella (Zoning)  
Paula Kay (Planning)  
Sandra Roberts (Economic Development)*

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**Alternate Members**  
*Elizabeth D. Steffen, Secretary  
Janis Esty  
Jay Kulowiec*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
Via Hybrid Meeting  
Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman C. Heffernan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** C. Heffernan, C. Savage, L. Gray, P. DeLisa, S. Roberts, E. Steffen (seated), J. Esty (not seated), J. Kulowiec (seated).

**Members Absent:** M. Caldarella, P. Kay

**Staff Present:** L. Wacker, Assistant Town Planner; C. Maharbiz, Recording Clerk

**Audience Present:** 3 remote

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**23-003 “Town of Old Saybrook Transfer Station” Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity**

Removal of storage trailers, construction of gravel parking area and construction of 242 s.f. open sided structure.

499 Middlesex Tpke (Map 57/Lot 31)

Applicant/Owner: Town of Old Saybrook Agent: Geoffrey L. Jacobson, P.E.

***ACTION:** Receive application, review for completeness, accept application and determine if regulated activities are significant.*

Bill Claffey presented. He briefly explained the project at the Transfer Station, which includes the removal of storage trailers, the addition of second lane to enter, the addition of parking spots, and the addition of an open structure to serve as the facility’s take-it/leave-it area. He explained that the changes will keep the public away from the trash areas.

J. Kulowiec asked about whether there is any intent to change the food scraps area. Mr. Claffey explained that the Transfer Station is using a new system through Blue Earth for food scraps. C. Savage asked about the area of gravel and Mr. Claffey stated that everything will be gravel except for the handicap parking.

**MOTION** to accept the application 23-003 “**Town of Old Saybrook Transfer Station**” **Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity** as complete, that the regulated activities of phase 1 are not significant, and that no Ordinance 71 fees are required; **MADE:** by C. Heffernan; **SECONDED:** by L. Gray; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** C. Heffernan, C. Savage, L. Gray, P. DeLisa, S. Roberts, E. Steffen, J. Kulowiec; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINING:** None; **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

#### IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

##### A. Minutes – February 16, 2023

L. Gray made a correction to “and application” on page 3 to state “an application” in the following sentence: “C. Savage stated that the Commission needs specific, conclusive support to turn down an application and he does not feel such support exists here.”

**MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2023, as amended; **MADE:** by C. Heffernan; **SECONDED:** E. Steffen; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** C. Heffernan, C. Savage, L. Gray, P. DeLisa, S. Roberts, E. Steffen, J. Kulowiec; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINING:** None; **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

**B. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports** – P. DeLisa stated that the Conservation Commission did not meet for lack of a quorum and that it is seeking members. L. Wacker reported that the application for Whole Foods, 1654 Boston Post Road, is in the packets. This application was accepted in the Land Use Office and is being received at the current meeting. A pre-application meeting took place. She further reported that the application was missing a few items and that while those items are prepared, and given that this is a significant action, she sent out requests for Ordinance 71 fee estimates from consultants. The Whole Foods application should be on the April agenda if the materials are received from the applicant in time. Additionally, she is planning on scheduling a site walk with the applicant once the public hearing opens.

**C. Correspondence & Announcements** – L. Wacker announced that the Public Notice Registry was updated to include new applications on the IWWC webpage. Due to this change, any interested person can sign up to receive email alerts for new applications when they are posted to the IWWC web page. Additionally, L. Wacker mentioned as a follow-up to the wetlands educational workshop that any IWWC Commission member that relies on their own particular expertise during meetings should submit a resume to be added to the file.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. to the next regular meeting on April 20, 2023, 7 p.m. Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room and via Zoom;  
**MADE:** by C. Heffernan; **SECONDED:** by J. Kulowiec; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** C. Heffernan, C. Savage, L. Gray, P. DeLisa, S. Roberts, E. Steffen, J. Kulowiec; **OPPOSED:** None;  
**ABSTAINING:** None; **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolina Maharbiz, Recording Clerk